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Library of Congress Announces Plans To Celebrate "Congress: Two Hundred Years"

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TWO HUNDRED YEARS

Congress

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington will announce the Library's extensive plans for celebrating the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Congress at a kickoff for Members of Congress and the press on February 8. Dr. Billington will be joined by Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.), Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), and Rep. Lindy Boggs (D-La.) who will discuss congressional plans to mark the bicentennial. Sen. Byrd and Rep. Boggs are chairmen of the Senate and the House bicentennial commissions, while Sen. Pell is vice chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library.

To observe the bicentennial of the Congress, the Library of Congress is presenting "Congress: Two Hundred Years," a two-year, multi-faceted program unprecedented in scope for the Library, of exhibitions, educational outreach, and publications. The activities will demonstrate the range of the Library's resources as well as the Library's commitment to national outreach on behalf of the Congress.

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The many components of the Library's celebration of the Congress bicentennial are described below.

Exhibitions

"The Tides of Party Politics": Maps

Two exhibitions relating to Congress will be mounted this year at the Library of Congress. The first, opening February 8, is a unique cartographic display presenting maps of every congressional election from 1789 to 1989. Called "The Tides of Party Politics: Two Centuries of Congressional Elections, 1789-1989," the exhibition of 100 maps reflects the political choices the American people have made when they have gone to the polls every two years to elect their representatives to Congress. It dramatizes the rise and fall of political parties and the shifts of those parties from being national-level organizations to becoming sectional groupings and back again.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

"To Make All Laws": Rare Documents, Portraits, Recordings, Political Cartoons

The focus of the Library's Congress bicentennial observance is the major exhibition, "'To Make All Laws': The Congress of the United States, 1789-1989," which will feature some of America's rarest historical documents as well as political cartoons, audio-recordings, and other vivid evocations of the role of Congress in American life.

Opening Thursday, September 28, in the Library's Madison Gallery, it will be the first comprehensive exhibition to consider Congress as an entity. "To Make All Laws" will illustrate the institutional development of Congress during the past 200 years as well as review the outstanding achievements and major legislative issues during that period.

"To Make All Laws" will offer visitors a unique opportunity to examine items from the Library's unparalleled manuscript collections, including James Madison's holograph draft of his 1789 speech introducing the Bill of Rights in the House of Representatives, Jefferson's holograph draft of his Manual of Parliamentary Practice, Lincoln's annotated copy of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, and John Glenn's annotated space manuals.

The exhibition is enlivened by political cartoons, paintings, audio-recordings, portraits, and maps illustrating the myriad ways in which Congress has affected, and continues to affect, daily life for American citizens.

The exhibition is intended to provide a national audience with a fuller understanding of one of the most important, but least studied and understood, branches of the Federal government.

Traveling Version of "To Make All Laws"

A traveling exhibition, based on "To Make All Laws," will visit 30 major American cities in 1989 and 1990. It will help to extend the reach of the major exhibit in illustrating the development of Congress as an institution and the achievements of its first two centuries. Its presentation around the country will be sponsored by the Library of Congress in cooperation with the American Library Association.

Special Programs

A number of special programs and symposia will be held throughout 1989, for different audiences, to help increase understanding of the role of the Congress in our nation's development—past, present, and future.

"Understanding Congress": Research Conference

The first special program begins on Thursday, February 9, and is called "Understanding Congress: A Bicentennial Research Conference."

It is jointly sponsored by the Library's Congressional Research Service, the Commission on the Bicentenary of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Senate.

Journalist David Broder will lead the opening round table discussion by Representatives Mickey Edwards (D-Okla.), Paul Henry (R-Mich.), David Price (D-N.C.), and Senators Wyche Fowler, Jr. (D-Ga.) and Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) on the topic, "What We Ought to Know about Our National Legislature."

Other nationally recognized authorities on the Congress and congressional history, such as Robert Caro, David McCullough, and Steven Roberts, will also make presentations at the conference, which continues through February 10.

Although attendance at "Understanding Congress" is by invitation only, it will be broadcast live on

Lithograph (1836) satirizing President Andrew Jackson's campaign to destroy the Bank of the United States. Jackson raises cane labeled "veto."

congressional cable television channel 13. Portions of the conference will be aired on C-SPAN on Monday, February 20, beginning at 10 a.m. The proceedings of the sessions will be published later by the Library and made available to the public.

"Knowledge, Power and The Congress": Symposium

A symposium will be held at the Library in March 1989. "Knowledge, Power and the Congress," sponsored by the Council of Scholars in the Library, will engage Members of Congress and other key decision-makers in Washington, D.C., in a dialogue on how Congress uses knowledge and information in the design, enactment, and oversight of public policy, from Thursday, March 9, to Friday, March 10. "Knowledge, Power and the Congress," is open by invitation only.

"Forum on Federal Information Policies"

The Sixth Annual Forum on Federal Information Policies, sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) at the Library of Congress, will take place on Wednesday, March 22. It will focus on the role of the Congress in formulating Federal information policies. Interested members of the public may register to attend the FLICC forum.

Other Conferences or Studies

Other conferences or studies to take place during the year are "Biotechnology and the Congress," a symposium jointly sponsored by the Council of Scholars and the Congressional Research Service (CRS) scheduled for fall 1989, and "Congress in the Year 2000," a special year-long study and collection of commissioned papers to be undertaken by CRS.

Musical "Salute To Congress"

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers will join with the Library of Congress on September 13 in a musical "Salute to Congress." The invitation-only event will be for Members of Congress and their families.

Senate Bicentennial Film Festival

A Senate bicentennial film festival, drawing on the Library's national collections of motion pictures and television productions, is planned for January 1990. It will be open to the public.

Educational Outreach

"The Congress Portfolio": Resource Packet

The American Library Association will work with the Library of Congress to extend the impact of the "Congress: Two Hundred Years" program through the development and distribution of innovative educational interpretative materials, including brochures and an educators' resource packet called "The Congress Portfolio." The packet will include facsimiles of major documents, illustrative materials suitable for display, and study guidelines.

Educators' Institute

During the summer of 1989 the Library of Congress will offer a two-week Educators' Institute to teachers and librarians from around the nation. They will have the opportunity to come to Washington, D.C., to conduct studies of landmark congressional decisions, Members of Congress who have shaped the Congress throughout its history, and the development of Congress as an institution in the American political system.

Publications

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Dictionary of Quotations

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The Council of Scholars in the Library of Congress

The man who has the time, the discrimination and the sagacity to collect and comprehend the principal facts and the man who must act upon them must draw near to one another and feel that they are engaged in a common enterprise.

—Woodrow Wilson

Purposes of the Council

The Council of Scholars was established in 1980 to advise The Librarian of Congress on the quality of the collections of the Library of Congress. Dr. James H. Billington, the 13th Librarian of Congress, sees the council as a "valuable catalyst in making the Library of Congress a splendid home for many of the most important research materials in the nation and in attracting the best minds in the country to use treasures to add to the knowledge and wisdom of mankind."

The Librarian also views the council as an ally in enhancing the capacity of the Library to serve as "a vital link between scholarship and action. We are a bridge between the research community and Congress. By gathering, and then applying the best of what is known, we hope to aid Congress in dealing with problems that confront the nation."

Membership of the Council

The Council of Scholars in the Library of Congress currently consists of 23 scholars of the highest distinction who serve for two years. Members are chosen for the distinction of their contributions to knowledge and the life of the mind and are expected to counsel the Library of Congress on its national collections and scholarly programs.

The council seeks a membership whose work represents a range of scholarship in the physical and social sciences, humanities, letters, and the arts.

New Members Announced

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington has appointed the following eight new members to the council for the 1988–90 term:

☐ **Gordon A. Craig,** eminent author and historian, is the J. E. Wallace Sterling Professor of Humanities Emeritus at Stanford University. Among his writings are *The End of Prussia; The Politics of the Prussian Army, 1640–1945; From Bismarck to Adenauer; The Germans, Europe Since 1815; Deutschland und der Westen;* and *Makers of Modern Strategy.*

☐ **Philip W. Gold,** psychiatrist, is director of neuroendocrine research in the Intramural Research Program of the National Institute of Mental Health. He conducts research on the chemical and biochemical manifestations of depression. Dr. Gold is the author of more than 200 articles in scientific and medical journals, including a series of papers in the *New England Journal of Medicine.* A recent article in that series is "Clinical and Biochemical Manifestations of Depression and Its Relation to the Neurobiology of Stress." Dr. Gold is also the author of *Mechanisms of Physical and Emotional Stress.*

☐ **Akira Iriye,** specialist in diplomatic history, is professor and chairman of the Department of History at the University of Chicago. Among his publications are *Across the Pacific; U.S. Policy Toward China; Pacific Estrangement—Japanese and American Expansion, 1897–1911; Mutual Images; From Nationalism to Internationalism; The Origins of the Cold War in Asia; The World of Asia; Encounter at Shimoda; The Chinese and the Japanese; Power and Culture; The Origins of the Second World War in Asia and American-East Asian Cultural Relations;* and *The United States and Japan in the Postwar World.*

☐ **Leszek Kolakowski** is a member of the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago and a senior research fellow at All Souls College, Oxford. In 1986 he gave the Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities, and he is the author of more than 30 books in Polish, French, German, and English. Among his works are *Main Currents of Marxism; Der Revolutionäre Geist;* and *Conversations with the Devil.*

☐ **Laurence E. Lynn, Jr.,** is professor and former dean at the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration. During the 1970s, Prof. Lynn served as assistant secretary in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He is the author of *Designing Public Policy; The State and Human Services;* and *Managing the Public's Business.*

☐ **Laura Nader,** professor of anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley, has studied law among the Zapotecs in Mexico, among the Shias in Lebanon, and in the United States. A contributor to professional journals and the author of educational films, she is the editor of *Law in Culture and Society* and *No Access to Law—Alternatives to the American Judicial System.* She is the author of "Talea and Juquila: A Comparison of Zapotec Social Organization"; "Energy Choices in a Democratic Society"; *Illnesses and Health; The Disputing Process;* and a current work on harmony, ideology, and the construction of law.

☐ **Richard P. Nathan,** professor of public and international affairs at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, has served as associate director of the Office of Management and Budget; deputy under secretary for welfare reform in the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. Among his numerous books are *Social Science in Government: Uses and Abuses; Reagan and the States; The*

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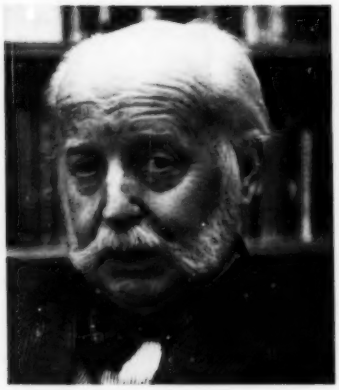
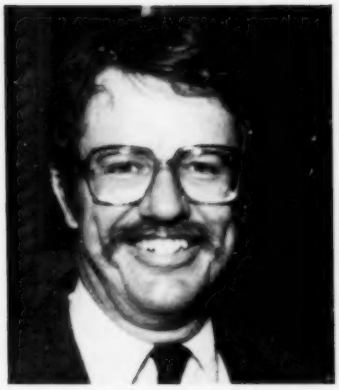
New Members of the Council of Scholars



Above (from left): Gordon A. Craig (photo, Stanford Univ.); Philip W. Gold (photo, Brooks); and Akira Iriye (photo, K. Swinden, Univ. of Chicago).

Left (from left): Leszek Kolakowski; and Jonathan D. Spence (photo, T. C. Erickson, Yale Univ.).



Above (from left): Laurence E. Lynn, Jr.; Laura Nader; and Richard P. Nathan (photo, R. P. Matthews, Princeton Univ.).

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Administrative Presidency; and a number of books gauging the effectiveness of a variety of domestic programs.

□ **Jonathan D. Spence,** distinguished sinologist and historian and winner of a MacArthur Fellowship in 1988, is the George B. Adams Professor of History at Yale University. He is author of *Ts'ao Yin and the K'ang-Hsi Emperor; To Change China; Emperor of China; The Death of Woman Wang; The Gate of Heavenly Peace; The Memory Palace of Matteo Ricci;* and *The Historical Precedents for Our New Relations with China.*

Meetings and Activities of the Council

The council meets formally twice a year, usually in the autumn and spring. Each meeting is an opportunity for The Librarian of Congress and members of the council to discuss the council's programs, improvements in the Library's collections, and proposals for symposia on topics of concern to the world of scholarship and to the nation.

Symposia

Symposia sponsored by the council bring together for discussion select groups chosen from the world of scholarship and the world of public affairs—academicians, Members of Congress, and senior Washington officials—and often result in publications.

In June 1988 the council sponsored a symposium titled "Knowledge and Power: The Life of the Mind and the Conduct of Government." Among the presenters at the symposium were Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security advisor in the Carter administration; Gordon A. Craig, historian; Stanley Crooke, president of the research and development division of Smith Kline and French Laboratories; Representative Thomas S. Foley, the House majority leader; Roy Jenkins, Chancellor of Oxford, a member of the British parliament, and former president of the European Economic Community; Henry Kissinger, former secretary of state; Leszek Kolakowski, member of the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago; Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan; Jaroslav Pelikan, distinguished historian and theologian; Senator Claiborne Pell; Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., former advisor to President Kennedy; Jonathan Spence, sinologist; and Hugh Thomas, chairman of the Centre for Policy Studies and a life peer in the British House of Lords.

Visiting Scholars Program

A major new initiative of the Council of Scholars is to bring the world's finest scholars to the Library of Congress for a period of residency during which they can familiarize themselves with the collections and programs of the Library and use those collections as they pursue scholarly work in progress. To facilitate their access to the collections, the Library offers office facilities and expert staff assistance from senior reference librarians and subject specialists. Through this program, the Library and its Council of Scholars seek to contribute to knowledge by assisting the visiting scholar, by eliciting suggestions for enhancing the Library's collections, and by discussions between visiting scholars and Library staff. The council also hopes to identify opportunities for intellectual interchange between visiting scholars and Members and staff of Congress.

The Visiting Scholars Program seeks the participation of senior scholars who have made significant contributions to knowledge and the life of the mind. The program also seeks the participation of promising younger scholars whose work and lives could benefit from the richness of the Library's vast collections and from the stimulus of Washington's extensive and distinctive intellectual life.

Recently completing a period of residency at the Library in the Visiting Scholars Program was the distinguished philosopher and historian of ideas Sir Isaiah Berlin. Sir Isaiah, who is Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, and former president of Wolfson College, Oxford, was in residence at the Library during November last year. Among his writings are *Karl Marx, His Life and Environment* (1939); *The Hedgehog and the Fox, An Essay on Tolstoy's View of History* (1953); *Historical Inevitability* (1955); *The Age of Enlightenment* (1956); *Two Concepts of Liberty* (1958); and *Vico and Herder, Two Studies in the History of Ideas* (1976).

Two current members of the council have participated in the Visiting Scholars Program—Richard P. Nathan, professor of public and international affairs at Princeton University, and Laurence Lynn, professor in the School of Social Science Administration at the University of Chicago. Dr. Nathan used his residency in the program during July 1988 to continue research on comparative federalism. Dr. Lynn explored the Library's collections dealing with governmental organization and said, "I was highly impressed with the cooperation I received and with the value of the Library's resources to my personal research."

The council hopes that by making the Library's resources better known to key scholars who undertake a period of residency, those scholars will increase awareness of the Library's rich collections throughout the scholarly world.

Support for the Council

The Library absorbs most administrative costs associated with the operation of the Council of Scholars,

including supplies and the salaries of administrative officers, bibliographers, and specialists who assist council members and visiting scholars to use and appraise the Library's collections. Costs associated with meetings of the council, symposia, publication of council reports, and traveling and housing expenses of visiting scholars are met using private funds contributed to the Library of Congress.

The Library provides facilities for the council in the Library's buildings in Washington, D.C. Visiting scholars are housed in a hotel near the Library and are provided with office space and administrative support in the Library during their period of residency.

For more information about the council and its programs write William H. Robinson, Acting Director, Council of Scholars, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540. Mr. Robinson can also be reached by telephone at (202) 707-5776.

Members of the Council

James H. Billington, The Librarian of Congress; **M. H. Abrams,** (chair of the Council of Scholars), Class of 1916 Professor of English, Cornell University; **Robert Alter,** professor of Comparative Literature, University of California at Berkeley; **Daniel J. Boorstin,** Librarian of Congress Emeritus; **Gordon A. Craig,** J. E. Wallace Sterling Professor of Humanities Emeritus, Stanford University; **Clifford Geertz,** professor of social science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University; **Nathan Glazer,** professor of education and social structure, Harvard University; **Philip W. Gold, M.D.,** director of neuroendocrine research, Intramural Research Program, National Institute of Mental Health; **Robert Heilbroner,** Norman Thomas Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research; **Gertrude Himmelfarb,** Distinguished Professor of History, City University of New York; **Gerald Holton,** Mallinckrodt Professor of Physics and Professor of the History of Science, Harvard University; **Akira Iriye,** professor of history, University of Chicago; **Joseph Kerman,** professor of music, University of California at Berkeley; **Leszek Kolakowski,** professor of philosophy, University of Chicago; **Joshua Lederberg,** president, Rockefeller University; **Laurence E. Lynn, Jr.,** professor, School of Social Science Administration, University of Chicago; **Laura Nader,** professor of anthropology, University of California at Berkeley; **Richard P. Nathan,** professor of public and international affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University; **Robert Nozick,** Arthur Kingsley Porter Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University; **Michael Novak,** director, religion, philosophy, and public policy study, American Enterprise Institute; **Jaroslav Pelikan,** Sterling Professor of History, Yale University; **Carl Schorske,** professor of history, Princeton University; **Jonathan D. Spence,** George B. Adams Professor of History, Yale University.

Library of Congress Officers: **William H. Robinson,** acting director, Council of Scholars; **James H. Hutson,** executive secretary.

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Congressional Research Service will be released on February 9, following its formal presentation to congressional leaders by Librarian of Congress James H. Billington at the start of the "Understanding Congress" conference. A unique source of quotations for which Members of Congress have sought verification, the book is based on a "quotation file" maintained for the past 75 years by the Library's Congressional Research Service. Containing some 2,100 entries, it includes the quotations that are requested so frequently that they are needed at hand, those that were found after long searching, and those not normally easily found. Taken as a whole, the quotations offer engaging insights into American history.

"To Make All Laws": *Exhibition Catalog*

The Library's main exhibition, "To Make All Laws," will be accompanied by a companion volume which will be a lively, well-illustrated depiction of the developments and achievements of Congress. The focus of the first part of the book will be on some of the dramatic moments on the floors of the House and the Senate as well as on some of the more colorful and significant figures in Congress' 200-year history. The volume's second section deals with congressional milestones—major accomplishments of the Congress in such fields as the protection of individual rights, the American economy, the environment, foreign affairs, the promotion of knowledge, and the sponsorship and encouragement of voyages of discovery.

Symposia Proceedings

The Library will also publish the proceedings of the many symposia that will be held at the Library during the bicentennial observance to insure that their findings and the highlights of their discussions are disseminated to as wide an audience as possible.

Further Information

For further information on any of these Library of Congress activities or programs for the bicentennial of the Congress, contact the Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Thursday, February 23
☐ Beaux Arts Trio. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

Friday, February 24
☐ Beaux Arts Trio. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

Tuesday, February 28
☐ Ben Belitt and Margaret Gibson read from their works. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 3
☐ The Arioso Ensemble. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 4
☐ Anne Epperson and Leonidas Kavakos in concert. Coolidge Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

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